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SUBJECT: DELTA/FLOMERCA DISPUTE - POOLING AGREEMENT THREATENS
SHIPPING REFORM

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SUMMARY: DELTA AND FLOMERCA ARE WORKING OUT POOLING
AGREEMENT WHICH WILL EXEMPT FORMER FROM DECREE 41-71
PENALTY CHARGE. GOG CONVINCED THAT THIS WILL RESOLVE
PROBLEM AND PROVIDE BASIS FOR NON-APPLICATION OF FMC
EQUALIZATION MEASURE FEBRUARY 14. PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT
COMMITMENT TO PROMULGATE AND PUSH THROUGH CONGRESS RE-
FORM SHIPPING BILL HAS EVAPORATED, AND ALL SORTS OF POLI-
TICAL ARGUMENTS BEING RAISED AGAINST GOG'S NOW PROCEEDING
TO ANNUL DECREE 41-71 AND INSTITUTE REFORM. EMBASSY SEES
NO CHANCE DEADLINE BEING MET, RECOMMENDS IMMEDIATE CON-
SIDERATION OF WHETHER DELTA/FLOMERCA AGREEMENT PROVIDES
BASIS FOR SUSPENSION OR CANCELLATION PROPOSED FMC ACTION,
AND IN LIGHT ABOVE DEVELOPMENT, URGES AT MINIMUM SHORT
EXTENSION OF DEADLINE. END SUMMARY.

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1. AS HINTED IN REF. AAAAA. DELTA AND FLOMERCA HAVE BEEN IN

DEEP NEGOTIATION WORKING OUT A RELATIONSHIP THAT WOULD BRING DELTA FULLY INTO SHIPPING TRADE WITH GUATEMALA. THOUGH DELTA REPS HAD PREVIOUSLY INDICATES THEY WERE NOT RPT. NOT GETTING TOUGH WITH FLOMERCA, DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD, AND RECENTLY DELTA INVITED PERALTA PORTILLO-MANGER CORFINA, VICE CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF FLOMERCA, AND MAIN MEMBER OF GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE WRITING NEW SHIPPING LAW - AND RODOLFO NEUTZE - OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, FLOMERCA BOARD AND SHIPPING BILL COMMITTEE - TO NEW ORLEANS TO FINALIZE AGREEMENT. PERALTA AND NEUTZE HAVE NOW RETURNED WITH AGREEMENT IN HAND FOR SUBMISSION TO FLOMERCA BOARD AND THEN PRESIDENT LAUGERUD FOR APPROVAL LATE THIS WEEK. ACCORDING QUEZADA, DELTA REP HERE, IN TALK WITH ECONOMIC COUNSELOR JANUARY 19, AGREEMENT IS ONE TO POOL SHIPPING RESOURCES ON US/GUATEMALA RUNS AND SPLIT REVENUE 50/50. EXONERATED CARGO BROUGHT IN BY DELTA WILL BE EXEMPT FROM PENALTY CHARGE UNDER DECREE 41-71. TWO LINES WILL SERVE AS PORT AGENTS FOR EACH OTHER IN RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES.

2. AMBASSADOR HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN INFORMED OF POSSIBILITY THIS AGREEMENT BY PRESIDENT AND FONMIN MOLINA. BOTH HAD EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE THAT RESOLUTION OF FLOMERCA/DELTA DISPUTE WOULD RESOLVE ENTIRE CURRENT PROBLEM AND PROVIDE BASIS FOR SUSPENSION OF FMC EQUALIZATION MEASURE FEBRUARY 14. MINISTER OF ECONOMY PALOMO JANUARY 19 EXPRESSED SAME HOPE TO VISITING COUNTRY DIRECTOR WEISSMAN ANDECONOMIC COUNSELOR.

3. TO PRESIDENT AND TWO MINISTERS IT HAS BEEN EXPLAINED THAT BOTH FMC AND STR RULINGS WERE AGAINST DECREE 41-71 AND DISCRIMINATION VS. AMERICAN SHIPPING - THAT THEY WEREN'T FOCUSED EXCLUSIVELY ON THE DELTA/FLOMERCA RELATIONSHIP. IT HAS BEEN ADDED THAT AS FAR AS WE KNEW, THE FMC EQUALIZATION MEASURE WOULD GO INTO EFFECT FEBRUARY 14 UNLESS DECREE 41-71 WERE WITHDRAWN. GOG SHOULD THEREFORE CONTINUE WORKING ON A REFORM SHIPPING BILL AND SECURE PASSAGE OF IT THROUGH THE GUATEMALAN CONGRESS.

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4. PRESIDENT AND TWO MINISTERS HAVE ALL SHOWN RELUCTANCE TO ASSURE US THAT GOVERNMENT WOULD COMPLETE WORK ON SHIPPING BILL, SUBMIT IT TO CONGRESS AT EARLIEST DATE, AND PUSH IT THROUGH. INSTEAD, MOLIANA HAS SUGGESTED, GIVEN AGREEMENT UNDER WAY BETWEEN DELTA AND FLOMERCA THAT GOVERNMENT REVISE THE REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING DECREE 41-71 OR SINCE THE US APPEARS INTERESTED IN A CHANGE IN THE LAW, GOG SOMEHOW MODIFY/AMEND DECREE

41-71 (RATHER THAN WITHDRAW IT "IN ITS ENTIRETY" - REF.
B). AS FAR AS WE KNOW, NO REGULATIONS WERE EVER PROMUL-
GATED TO IMPLEMENT DECREE 41-71; SO THERE ARE NONE TO BE
REVISED. WE HAVE FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT CORE OF DECREE
41-71 IS A SYSTEM OF CARGO ASSIGNMENT WHICH IS DISCRIMINA-
TORY AND ANY MODIFICATION OF IT WOULD SEEM TO HAVE TO
BE AN ANNULMENT, IF FMC EQUALIZATION MEASURE IS NOT TO
BE BROUGHT INTO EFFECT.

5. DISTURBED BY CLEAR WEAKENING OF GOG COMMITMENT TO
EVOLVE NEW SHIPPING REGIME, ECONOMIC COUNSELOR SOUGHT
OUT ANDRADE, SECRETARY, NATIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSION,
JANUARY 14, TO EXPLAIN DILEMMA AND TRY TO CLARIFY GOG
POSITION. SPEAKING PERSONALLY AND OFF THE RECORD,
ANDRADE CONFIRMED INDICATION PREVIOUSLY GIVEN AMBASSADOR
THAT THERE WERE STRONG POLITICAL REASONS AGAINST THE
GOG PROCEEDING WITH SHIPPING REFORM AT THIS TIME.
ANDRADE POINTED OUT DECREE 41-71 WAS BILL CONCEIVED
AND PUSHED THROUGH CONGRESS BY MLN POLITICAL PARTY, MAIN SUP-
PORTER OF PREVIOUS REGIME, ORIGINALLY PART OF
COALITION SUPPORTING LAUGERUD, BUT RECENTLY IN SEMI-
OPPOSITION. MLN LEADERS HAD CREATED BILL AND IN
FLOMERCA CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ DEL ROSAL HAD PROFITTED
FROM BILL. GOVERNMENT WAS NOW IN DELICATE NEGOTIATIONS
WITH MLN TO RECONSTRUCT COALITION; IT DID NOT NOW WISH
TO MOVE TO REPLACE MLN LAW WITH ENTIRELY NEW ONE.

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6. ANDRADE INDICATED THAT GOG STILL INTERESTED IN SHIPPING REFORM BUT WOULD PREFER NOT TO HAVE TO PRESENT BILL AT THIS TIME FOR UNDER PRESSURE OF ANY DEADLINE. INSTEAD WOULD HOPE THAT DELTA/FLOMERCA AGREEMENT WOULD PROVIDE BASIS FOR SUSPENSION OF DEADLINE TO PERMIT GOG TIME TO SELECT PROPITIOUS MOMENT FOR PRESENTATION OF BILL TO CONGRESS, IN ROUTINE MANNER THAT WOULD NOT EXCITE POLITICAL SUSPICIONS.

7. ANDRADE THEN REVEALED WHAT WE HAD PREVIOUSLY NOT BEEN TOLD AT ALL-THAT THE SHIPPING BILL COMMITTEE HAD COMPLETED ITS WORK, THAT THE TEXT OF A DRAFT LAW HAD BEEN APPROVED WITHIN GOG, AND THAT IT HAD BEEN PASSED TO PALOMO FOR PRESENTATION TO CONGRESS. THIS WAS IN EARLY DECEMBER, AND ANDRADE DID NOT DENY THAT PALOMO COULD HAVE PRESENTED THE BILL BEFORE CONGRESS ADJOURNED FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. PALOMO AND OTHERS HAVE CONSISTENTLY EXPLAINED TO US THAT GOG WAS STILL "WORKING" ON THE BILL.

8. AT THAT POINT IN MEETING WITH ANDRADE, ECONOMIC COUNSELOR SUGGESTED THAT IF COPY OF DRAFT LAW COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY, IT COULD BE REVIEWED TO
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DETERMINE WHETHER IT REFORMED A DISCRIMINATORY REGIME AND COULD BE PRESENTED IN WASHINGTON AS EVIDENCE OF GOG INTENTION TO ANNUAL DECREE 41-71 AND REFORM THE SHIPPING REGIME AT A TIME WHEN POLITICALLY IT WAS MORE PROPITIOUS TO DO SO. ANDRADE UNDERTOOK TO CONTACT PALOMO ON LATTER'S RETURN FROM TRAVEL OUT OF COUNTRY AND TO SUGGEST TRANSMISSION OF COPY OF DRAFT LAW TO US.

9. IN APPOINTMENT WITH PALOMO JANUARY 19 HE CONTINUED TO EXPLAIN THAT GOG WAS STILL "WORKING" ON BILL; NO COPY OF THE DRAFT LAW WAS PROVIDED. CLEARLY HE DID NOT WISH TO GIVE US A COPY, PROBABLY IN THE BELIEF THAT TO DO SO WOULD SIMPLY GENERATE FURTHER PRESSURE FROM THE US TO PRESENT BILL TO CONGRESS.

10. POLITICAL REASONS AGAINST EARLY PRESENTATION OF REFORM BILL TO CONGRESS PROBABLY EXTEND BEYOND EXPLANATION ADVANCED BY ANDRADE:

A) PRESIDENT INDICATED TO AMBASSADOR THAT HE HAS ALREADY PROVIDED CONGRESS WITH WHAT HE REGARDS AS FULL LOAD OF IMPORTANT LEGISLATION. AS WITH PETROLEUM BILL, EACH MAY REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE GOVERNMENT EFFORT TO PUSH

THROUGH. ADDITION OF SHIPPING BILL AT THIS TIME MIGHT OVERLOAD THE CIRCUIT AND JEOPARDIZE OTHER LEGISLATION. B) GOVERNMENT CONTINUES CONCERNED ABOUT APPEARANCE OF PRESSURE FROM OUTSIDE ON ANY NATIONAL LEGISLATION. US PRESSURE IN THE SHIPPING AREA CAN AND PROBABLY WILL BE IMPUTED GIVEN THE UPROAR LASTSUMMER ABOUT US UNHAPPINESS WITH THE SHIPPING REGIME AND THE "SPECIAL INVESTIGATION" BY STR. WE HAVE LITTLE CONFIDENCE THAT CONFIDENTIALITY OF FMC MEASURES AND THE DEADLINE CAN BE PRESERVED. INDEED WE LEARNED JANUARY 20 THAT CCT HAS DISCOVERED THE SCENARIO AND HAS INFORMED CERTAIN GUATEMALAN ENTITIES THEREOF. (NOTHING YET, HOWEVER, HAS APPEARED IN THE PRESS.)

C) ANY REFORM SHIPPING BILL PRESENTED BY THE GOG TO CONGRESS WILL FACE CRITICISM. CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PARTY HAS MOVED AWAY FROM GOVERNMENT INTO POSITION OF DECLARED OPPOSITION AND WITH ITS INTEREST IN MATTERS ECONOMIC, WOULD PROBABLY QUESTION BILL. ALSO THERE ARE NOT A FEW "SPOILERS" ON SCENE:
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I. NUMBER OF SOURCES HAVE TOLD US A PURGE OF FLOMERCA BOARD WILL SOON BE COMPLETED, REMOVING CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ DEL ROSAL, CLAUDIO RIEDEL, AND FORMER MANAGER MIRON. WITH THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF SITUATION, FIRST TWO IN PARTICULAR COULD CAUSE TROUBLE IN CONGRESS RE PASSAGE OF REFORM SHIPPING BILL.

II. TWO PRIVATE-SECTOR GUATEMALAN LINES-ARMAGUA AND LINEAS MARTIMAS GUATEMALTECAS(LMG)-REPORTEDLY ARE CONVINCED THAT ANY REFORM LEGISLATION WOULD UNDULY FAVOR FLOMERCA. CORONDA, HEAD OF ARMAGUA, HAS THWARTED SUCH LEGISLATION IN PAST AND MIGHT BE COUNTED ON TO TRY TO DO SO AGAIN. BOTH LINES HAVE RECEIVED LOANS FROM CABEI-ARMAGUA \$700,000 FOR A SHIP WHICH HAS SINCE SUNK AND LMG \$1.3 MILLION FOR A USED BULK CARRIER; BOTH HAVE VESTED INTEREST IN RETAINING THEIR SHARE OF TRADE AND NOW BUILDING IT.

III. CCT AND FLOMERCA TRAILER SERVICE (PAN AMERICAN MAIL)-THE TWO ASSOCIATED LINES IN THE US/GUATEMALA TRADE-ARE CLEARLY THREATENED BY POOLING AGREEMENT BETWEEN FLOMERCA AND DELTA. THOUGH LATTER OPERATES OUT OF NEW ORLEANS AND ASSOCIATED LINES OUT OF MIAMI, DELTA REPORTEDLY CUTTING FREIGHT RATES IN EFFORT TO DIVERT TRAFFIC FROM MIAMI TO ITSELF. BOTH ASSOCIATED LINES HAVE THEIR GUATEMALAN CONTACTS-CCT IN CUBANS HERE PLUS POSSIBLY EX-PRESIDENT ARANA. ANY FURTHER ENHANCEMENT OF FLOMERCA POWER SUCH AS MIGHT BE PROVIDED IN REFORM SHIPPING BILL COULD BE OPPOSED

BY ALLIES OF THESE LINE/ERSTWHILE ASSOCIATES OF
THE OLD FLOMERCA, NOW POSSIBLE ENEMIES OF THE
NEW.

11. DESPITE OUR BEST EFFORTS ON ALL LEVELS, GOG IS NOT
PERSUADED THAT FEBRUARY 14 WILL COME AND EQUALIZATION
MEASURE WILL BE INSTITUTED SINCE PREVIOUSLY AGGRIEVED
PARTY, DELTA, HAS NOW COME TO AGREEMENT WITH FLOMERCA.
PREVIOUS COMMITMENT TO EVOLVE NEW LEGISLATION
AND PRESENT IT TO CONGRESS HAS BEEN VIAIATED. (QUEZADA
OF DELTA NOW THINKS GOG WILL NEVER PRESENT REFORM LAW.)
THOUGH ANDRADE COULD SEE WISDOM IN GOG'S PROVIDING US
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WITH COPY OF DRAFT BILL, MINISTER CONCERNED APPARENTLY
DOES NOT. WE THUS HAVE NO EVIDENCE OF NATURE SUGGESTED
REF.C ON BASIS OF WHICH RECOMMENDATION MIGHT BE MADE
THAT DEADLINE OF FEBRUARY 14 BE EXTENDED.

12. PER REF. D, WE HAVE URGED DELTA TO INFORM WASHINGTON OF FULL DETAILS OF POOL AGREEMENT. AT THIS POINT WE CANNOT SEE HOW THIS WOULD MEET REQUIREMENT OF FMC RE WITHDRAWAL DECREE 41-71 AND FORESTALL IMPLEMENTATION OF EQUALIZATION MEASURE. INDEED AGREEMENT AS DESCRIBED TO US WOULD APPEAR TO QUALIFY DELTA AS AN ASSOCIATED LINE, IMPORT OF EXONERATED CARGO ON WHICH WOULD NOT ATTRACT PENALTY CHARGE. OTHER AMERICAN SHIPPING-NOT ASSOCIATED WITH FLOMERCA-WILL CONTINUE TO ATTRACT SUCH CHARGE HERE IF THEY BRING IN EXONERATED CARGO. NECESSITY FOR EQUALIZATION MEASURE WOULD THUS CONTINUE TO OBTAIN.

13. RECOMMEND EARLIEST POSSIBLE FMC CONSIDERATION OF FLOMERCA/DELTA AGREEMENT AND DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER DELTA SHOULD BE INCLUDED AS ASSOCIATED LINE FMC REGULATIONS. IF THIS IS THE CASE, WE CAN MAKE FORCEFUL PRESENTATION TO GOG THAT RESOLUTION OF DELTA/FLOMERCA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISPUTE NOT RPT NOT RESOLUTION OF DISCRIMINATION ISSUE IN CARGO SITUATION HERE AND THAT NECESSITY CONTINUES FOR REFORM OF DECREE 4171.

14. EMBASSY FEELS IT IS IMPORTANT TO REVISE SHIPPING REGIME. EVEN WITH NEW WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DELTA AND FLOMERCA, SHOULD BE REMEMBERED THAT OTHER US-FLAG LINES MAY LOOK TO SERVE GUATEMALA. SEA-LAND ALREADY HAS LICENSE AND AS COMPETITOR DELTA AND A NON-ASSOCIATED LINE, MIGHT INSIST ON APPLICATION EQUALIZATION MEASURE. OTHER LINES COULD DO SO, ALSO COULD APPEAL TO STR AS DELTA PREVIOUSLY HAD DONE IN ABSENCE ANY REVISION OF DECREE 41-71.

15. IF ON OTHER HAND IT IS DECIDED THAT POOLING AGREEMENT BETWEEN DELTA AND FLOMERCA DOES CONSTITUTE REMEDY DESIRED BY FMC, THEN FOLLOWING MIGHT BE CONSIDERED. FMC AND STR REVIEWS HAVE FOCUSED ON DEGREE 41-71 WHICH ASSIGNS EXONERATED CARGO TO GUATEMALAN-FLAG LINES AND IS CLEARLY DISCRIMINATORY AGAINST US-AND OTHER FLAG LINES. A SUBSEQUENT DECREE-57-73-RECOGNIZED THAT GUATEMALAN-FLAG LINES COULDN'T HANDLE ALL EXONERATED CARGO AND AUTHORIZED GUATEMALAN-FLAG LINES WITH MAJORITY GOVERNMENT INTEREST (I.E. FLOMERCA) TO WORK OUT ASSOCIATION AGREEMENTS. THIS AUTHORITY IS NO WAY LIMITED IN SCOPE, AND FLOMERCA FREE TO CONCLUDE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENTS WITH THIRD COUNTRY-FLAG LINES, LICK CCT AND FLOMERCA TRAILER SERVICE, AND WITH US-FLAG LINES, AS NOW IS HAPPENING WITH DELTA. AN ARGUMENT MIGHT BE ADVANCED THAT DEGREE 57-73 MODIFIES THE

DISCRIMINATORY CONTENT OF DECREE 4171.

16. EMBASSY CONVINCED THAT FEBRUARY 14 DEADLINE IS NOT GOING TO BE MET HERE. WHEN THAT DATE COMES AND EQUALIZATION MEASURE IS ANNOUNCED, US WILL BE CHARGED WITH UNFAIR RETALIATION, INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF GUATEMALA, AND HITHERTO SECRET PRESSURE ON GUATEMALA TO CHANGE LAW. POSSIBILITY OF EARLY MODIFICATION OF THAT LAW WOULD THEREUPON DISAPPEAR. OTHER REPERCUSSIONS WOULD BE EQUALLY UNFORTUNATE- IN DISRUPTION OF SHIPPING AND IN APPLICATION OF A PENALTY CHARGE EITHER BY GOG OR BY USG LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON ALL EXPORTS FROM US EXEMPTED FROM IMPORT DUTY HERE (ROUGHLY 60 PERCENT OF TOTAL IMPORTS). THAT PENALTY CHARGE IS 50 PERCENT OF FREIGHT CHARGE AND WOULD REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN PRICE OF US EXPORTS. GUATEMALAN IMPORTER MUST PAY AND IN THIS SITUATION WILL SURELY TURN TO OTHER SOURCES (EUROPE AND JAPAN).

17. EMBASSY CAN LITTLE ADVANTAGE TO US INTERESTS, SHIPPING OR OTHERWISE, IN APPLICATION OF FEBRUARY 14 DEADLINE AND RECOMMENDS SHORT EXTENSION IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED ABOVE AND ON BASIS OF REQUEST WHICH WE WOULD SUGGEST DELTA MAKE TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE, AS AGGRIEVED PARTY WHICH FILED ORIGINAL COMPLAINT BUT NO LONGER HAS BASIS THEREFOR.

18. ISSUE OF WHETHER GUATEMALAN CONGRESS MIGHT BE CONVENED IN TIME FOR GOG TO PRESENT AND PUSH SHIPPING BILL THROUGH BY FEBRUARY 14 NO LONGER GERMANE. SUFFICE IT HERE TO REPORT THAT NO DECISION YET ANNOUNCED ON RECONVENTION OF CONGRESS OR EVEN OF PERTINENT COMMITTEES. ODDS APPEAR TO BE THAT CONGRESS WILL NOT RETURN TO WORK UNTIL WELL AFTER FMC DEADLINE. ANDREWS

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